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Application of:

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LOW PERMEABILITY SIDE CURTAIN
AIRBAG CUSHIONS HAVING
EXTREMELY LOW COATING LEVELS

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 2, 2002, Applicant hereby respectfully requests entry and due consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph under the heading "Cross Reference to Related Applications" has been amended to read as follows:

--This application is a continuation of co-pending application 09/501,467, filed February 9, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of 09/350,620, filed on July 7, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,117,366, which is a continuation-in-part of 09/335,257, filed on June 17, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,177,365; this application is also a continuation-in-part of co-pending application 09/406,264, filed on September 24, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,220,309. These parent applications are herein entirely incorporated by reference.--

The paragraph beginning on line 8 of page 12 has been amended to read as follows:

--Of particular interest as the elastomer components within the inventive elastomeric compositions are, specifically, polyamides, polyurethanes, acrylic elastomers, hydrogenated nitrile rubbers (i.e., hydrogenated NBR), fluoroelastomers (i.e., fluoropolymers and copolymers containing fluoro-monomers), ethylene-vinylacetate copolymers, and ethylene acrylate copolymers. Also, such elastomers may or may not be cross-linked on the airbag surface. Preferably, the elastomer is a polyurethane and most preferably is a polycarbonate polyurethane elastomer. Such a compound is available from Bayer Corporaiton under the tradename IMPRANIL®, including IMPRANIL® 85 UD, ELH, and EHC-01. Other acceptable polyurethanes include BAYHYDROL® 123, also from Bayer; Ru 41-710, EX 51-550, and Ru 40-350, both from Stahl USA. Any polyurethane, or elastomer, for that matter, which exhibits